

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a progressive neurological movement disorder of the central nervous system, which has a unique impact on each patient; and

WHEREAS, according to the Parkinson's Action Network, the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, the National Parkinson Foundation, the American Parkinson Disease Association and the National Institutes of Health, there are over one million Americans diagnosed with Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, symptoms include slowness, tremor, difficulty with balance and speaking, rigidity, cognitive and memory problems; and

WHEREAS, although new medicines and therapies may enhance life for some time for people with Parkinson's, more work is needed for a cure; and

WHEREAS, increased education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and ultimately a cure for Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, a multidisciplinary approach to Parkinson's disease care includes local wellness, support, and caregiver groups; and

WHEREAS, April has been proclaimed as World Wide Parkinson's Awareness Month for all to recognize the need for more research and help in dealing with the devastating effects of Parkinson's disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as

PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 9th day of March, A.D. 2016



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Shumlin', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Peter Shumlin
Governor

